

## **Committee of Physical Therapy Minutes**

**Date:** May 14, 2004

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. CDT

**Location:** Cumberland Conference Room  
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

**Members Present:** Dr. Carol Counts Likens, Chair  
Sharon Dunseath  
Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr., Secretary

**Members Absent** Brigina Wilkerson  
Corene Coffey

**Staff Present:** Marva Swann, Unit Director  
Robbie Bell, Board Director  
Mary V. Webb, Board Administrator  
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney  
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by Dr. Carol Counts Likens, Chair

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Sharon Dunseath to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2004 Committee meeting as submitted. The motion carried.

### **Applicant Interviews**

**Jeff Nolen** – Mr. Nolen appeared before the board due to convictions in his past. A motion was made by Ms. Dunseath and seconded by Dr. Walker to approve Mr. Nolen to take the PTA board exam. The motion carried.

**Lora Pickering** - Ms. Webb presented to the board Ms. Pickering's file which showed that Ms. Pickering had a drug conviction. Ms. Pickering's file showed that she had attended the TNPAP program and was considered safe to practice physical therapy.

A motion was made by Ms. Dunseath and seconded Dr. Walker to approve Ms. Pickering to take her PTA board exam. The motion carried.

### **Discussion of TPTA letter**

The TPTA submitted a letter that outlined several areas of concern regarding the rules and regulations for physical therapists and wanted the Committee to address them. Nicole Armstrong, OGC Attorney, informed the Committee that the board could not interpret the rules without a formal Declaratory Order. Ms. Armstrong suggested that a rulemaking hearing would be appropriate for the letter.

### **Discussion of Audit Procedures**

The Committee addressed the issue of auditing licensees starting in 2005 and suggested that a policy be put in place before the end of the year.

### **Rulemaking Hearing**

Jerry Kosten, Rules Manager for the Health Related Boards, presented the Committee with a notice of Rulemaking hearing to take place on August 9, 2004. The purpose of the hearing is to shorten the remediation period for repeat exam takers. A motion was made by Dr. Likens to approve the hearing and seconded by Ms. Dunseath. The motion carried.

### **Special Accommodations**

Ms. Webb brought before the Committee a request to review three files for applicants who were seeking special accommodations, Christopher Pennell, Clark J. Hastings and Edward Beck. All three of these individuals had some sort of learning disability and was seeking special requests to take the exams. The Committee reviewed and approved all three requests.

### **Disciplinary Guidelines**

Robbie Bell, Director of Health Related Boards, presented to the Committee the disciplinary guidelines SCOPE. The Disciplinary Guidelines outlined several levels of practice violations and what the penalty would be for each level. Ms. Bell requested that the Committee review and adopt the policy. A motion was made by Dr. Walker to adopt the Disciplinary Guidelines and seconded by Ms. Dunseath. The motion carried.

### **Remediation**

**Paul Barnes** – After review of the remediation plan submitted, a motion was made Ms. Dunseath and seconded by Dr. Walker to approve Mr. Barnes' remediation plan. The motion carried.

**Shirley Brown** – After review of the remediation plan submitted, a motion was made by Ms. Dunseath and seconded by Dr. Walker to approve Ms. Brown's remediation plan. The motion carried.

**Dawn Hilliard** – After review of the remediation plan submitted, a motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Dunseath to approve Ms. Hilliard's remediation plan. The motion carried.

**Cindy Kelly** – After review of the remediation plan submitted, a motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Dunseath to approve Ms. Kelly's remediation plan. The motion carried.

**Karen McGee** – After review of the remediation plan submitted, a motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Dunseath to deny the remediation plan submitted by Ms. McGee. Dr. Walker suggested a thorough remediation letter and to include observation in a PT clinic and also her score report from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. The motion carried.

**Victor McLemore** – After review of the remediation plan submitted, a motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Dunseath to approve Mr. McLemore's remediation plan. The motion carried.

**Terra Summitt** – After review of the remediation plan submitted, a motion was made by Dr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Dunseath to approve Mr. McLemore's remediation plan. The motion carried.

### **Ratifications**

A motion was made by Ms. Dunseath and seconded by Dr. Walker to approve the new licenses and reinstatements. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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